

**Remarks:**

**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-22 were previously pending. Claims 1, 11, and 12 are amended herein and claims 7-10 and 21-22 are canceled. Claims 15-20 were previously allowed by the Examiner. Thus, claims 1-6 and 11-20 are currently pending with claims 1, 15, and 18 being independent.

**Office Action**

In the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 10-12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and allowed claims 15-20. Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 10 as well as the intervening claims. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from now-allowable claim 1. Thus, all claims are now in a condition for allowance.

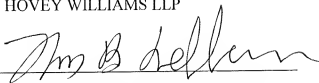
In a brief November 16, 2006, telephone interview with the Examiner, Applicant's attorneys discussed the entry of this Amendment after final rejection. The Examiner indicated that this Amendment would be entered, without requiring the filing of a RCE, if the limitations of claim 10, and all intervening claims, were included within claim 1. No prior art or substantive issues were discussed during the interview.

In view of this response and the remarks herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 and 11-20 are in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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